

A NIGHT OF MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

Fremont Public Library reminds you that Two Old Friends, Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins are returning for another lively concert. The "night of music" is scheduled for March 7th at 7 pm in the community room. The event is free and open to the public.

Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins have recently joined forces to sing and play songs from Ireland, the mountains and the sea. For the last 15 years Mac has headed up a very successful group, Mac McHale & the Old-Time Radio Gang. Hutch has been a very important part of the Angel Band, a world famous Irish music group. They will be performing some of their favorites from The Northeast Winds as well as some very old-time traditional country music. Mac & Hutch will be playing the banjo, guitar, mandolin, concertina, bodran and the harmonica. Mac and Hutch played to a packed audience at the Library last March and they are sure to be a hit this year. The concert is generously sponsored by the Fremont Library Association. Please join us for a great night of music. For more information email Cheryl at rowells4@verizon.net or call 895-9923.

PARKS & RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for an additional member to round out this volunteer group. Would you like to become more involved in Fremont? Do you have interest in recreational activities? This position might be for you. Currently the group meets the second Wednesday of the month at the town Hall at 7:00 pm. They plan and run such events as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Tree Lighting, six week Summer Camp Fremont Program; and they are always looking for additional ideas to involve the community in activities. Call or email Renee King for more information at 244 1404 or reneeking@comcast.net.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2008 dog license tags are available. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing and the Town Clerk's office is required to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact our office so we can remove your name from the list. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, we can mail your license(s) for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license. Fees are as follows:

Male / Female: \$10.00 Neutered Male: \$7.50
Spayed Female: \$7.50 Puppies (3 - 7 mos.): \$7.50
Mail-in / Convenience Fee: add \$1.00 per license

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE FOR EARTH DAY

As part of Earth Day 2008 celebrations, Fremont is encouraging their residents and residents of surrounding towns, to participate in a statewide backyard composting bin sale. Through April 1, 2008, a home compost bin and how-to guide with a combined retail value of \$85 can be purchased for only \$45. Kitchen Scrap Pails are \$10. The bin is black, has a 10 year warranty, and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It's approximately 33" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five.

It is estimated that 25 percent of the average household's waste consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps which can be easily composted. Dollars are saved for every ton of waste composted because it is not shipped out of town for disposal.

Flyers will be posted at Fremont's Town Hall, Public Library, and Post Office.

For additional information or to place orders please contact any of these individuals: Pat Richmond (895 9578), Aja Mahoney (895 2447) or Carolyn Carr (895-4095). You can also email Carolyn Carr at cfcar@comcast.net for more information.

Easter is Sunday March 23.

EASTER HOLIDAY BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will once again be sponsoring Easter food baskets for any resident who is in need of one. If you would like to sign your family up to receive a basket, please contact Kathy at 895 1162. Kindly respond no later than Tuesday, March 11th.

If you would like to help the Pantry by providing donations, the following is a list of items needed to assemble each basket:

Turkey or Ham	fresh fruit
gravy	dinner rolls
stuffing	butter
fresh potatoes	disposable tins
fresh carrots	holiday pies
fresh squash	juice/soda
bag of Easter candy	cranberry sauce/canned
pineapple	paper products

grocery store gift cards

As always, monetary donations are graciously accepted. Checks made payable to the Fremont Food Pantry can be mailed to PO Box 97, Fremont, NH.

The Fremont Food Pantry thanks you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy at the number above. Calls to the pantry are completely confidential.

WINTER PARKING BAN

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect until April 1, 2008. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15 to April 1, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way, or in any town-owned parking lot between midnight & 6:00 am.

2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right-of-way, or on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way during a snowstorm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

Additionally, DO NOT plow snow into the right-of-way.

FREMONT PLAYGROUP

It is cold outside so bring the little ones inside to run around! Join parents and caregivers on Fridays 9:30 - 11:00 am at the Peoples Methodist Church in downtown Fremont across from the Safety Complex (We are a non-denominational group). It is a fun, relaxed environment to meet other parents and children. Toys, crafts and story time offered. Birth to preschool age children are welcome. Free of charge for Fremont residents, \$2.00 for surrounding communities. No registration needed, just show up. For more information please contact Brinn Chute at 679-2275 or brinnmargaret@yahoo.com.

RABIES CLINIC

The Fremont Police Association will sponsor their annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday April 19, 2008 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fremont Safety Complex 425 Main Street. Mark your calendars now!

THIS YEAR WE ARE OFFERING EXPANDED SERVICES:

Rabies shots \$10.00

Distemper shots \$10.00

Microchips \$25.00

Dogs need to be leashed and Cats need to be in carriers please.

Please present certification of previous vaccination; otherwise your animal will receive a 1-year vaccine. David Smiley, DMV of Smiley Veterinary from Auburn NH will be administering the vaccines and microchips. The Town Clerk will be available to issue dog licenses. (The deadline is April 30th to license your dogs).

We will also have a limited supply of microchips available. Cost includes: microchip, installation and **free** registration for the lifetime of your pet. Please call Mary at 895 2229, Monday- Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, to reserve your microchip.

PTA NEWS

It's already February, where has the time gone? PTA has been very busy this year. We kicked off the year with a welcome back luncheon for everyone at Ellis. Then we gave out pencil boxes filled with school supplies to the incoming first graders and gave little baggies filled with school supplies to the new incoming kindergarteners. We had a very successful Fall Fundraiser and Book Fair in October. We have more things planned for the second half of the year. Just a few things are: Junk to Funk, a music program will be coming to the school in March for all the grades, the Science Discovery Museum is coming in April for grades K-6th, Spring Fundraiser, Teacher Appreciation week, Spring Book Fair, and of course Field Day in June.

As you can see the PTA does quite a lot through out the year and we couldn't do it without the help of our members and our volunteers. So I say "Thank You" to all of you. Now, if you are wondering, is it was too late to become a PTA member, it isn't. You can go onto the Ellis School website, go under PTA and print off a membership form and return it to the school. You don't have to have a child at Ellis to become a member of PTA. Everyone and their ideas are always welcome.

One last thing, we are currently looking for new PTA board members for the '08-'09 school year. The positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. A PTA board member can only hold a position for 3 years. Our time is up. If we fail to fill the PTA board positions we will be forced to dissolve the PTA. What this means is the money you helped raise for the programs we bring into the school, as well as, Field Day will go to NH PTA at the state level. I'm sure we all agree, we don't want to see this happen. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact any board member. Board member's numbers are listed on the PTA website.

CAMP FREMONT SUMMER PROGRAM

The Camp Fremont Summer Program will soon be accepting registrations for six week-long camp sessions. Camp Fremont is a safe environment where your child can develop emotionally, socially, and physically for the summer. With a low camper-to-counselor ratio, your child will receive lots of individual attention. Campers will participate in a variety of physical and arts & crafts activities, as well as attend field trips and be entertained by educational presenters. Each session will be offered according to an overall theme which will ensure that you are signing your child up for activities that they will enjoy. Field trips costs and a free Camp Fremont t-shirt are included in the tuition costs. Come see how much fun Camp Fremont can be! **Who:** Students graduating from grades 1-8; **When:** Monday-Friday; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; **Cost:** \$90.00 per week (includes the cost of field trips); \$80.00 for each additional family member.

The following sessions are being offered (themes to be announced): July 7-11, July 14- 18, July 21-25, July 28- Aug. 1, August 4-8, August 11-15. We are also offering before care from 8:00-9:00 am and after care from 3:00-4:00 pm. Each service is \$10 per week (\$2 per day/ \$4 per day for both services). During this time, your child will be supervised but will not be led in structured activities.

Registration forms and camp information guides will soon be available at the Ellis School, Fremont Town Hall, Fremont Public Library, and online at <http://www.fremont.nh.gov/fnhgparkrec1.shtml>. Please email me with any questions at missj1133@yahoo.com.
Jen Jaquith - Camp Fremont Summer Program Director

WHAT IS YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

This month's green tip from the Fremont Energy Committee is about reducing your carbon footprint. A carbon footprint measures

the impact of our everyday activities on the environment in terms of green house gases produced (in units of carbon dioxide). Reducing energy consumption reduces our carbon footprint. There are many websites that provide free calculators to determine your footprint. A few are: www.carbonfootprint.com; www.climatecrisis.net; and www.nature.org/. These resources not only help you figure out where your biggest impact may be, but they also have a lot of information to help reduce and offset our impacts. The biggest contributors to our individual carbon footprints are usually home heating/electricity usage and travel. When calculating your footprint you will be asked questions pertaining to these factors in addition to other lifestyle information.

So how can you reduce your carbon emissions and balance your impact? There are many ways – some of which we already know and some that aren't so obvious. Here are some suggestions: replace light bulbs and appliances to Energy Star-compliant products; carpool (even for short distances); buy local food and products (these are not shipped long distances); buy produce that is in season and organic (oil is used in fertilizer production); recycle; combine business related trips or use modern communication technologies when possible; and unplug TVs and other appliances when not in use. Many of these are not only better for the environment, but are money savers.

In addition to reducing our carbon emissions, we can take action to help offset the carbon that we do produce. Planting trees and supporting clean renewable energy are two ways to do this. Why should we reduce and offset our impact? These are personal considerations, however research does suggest that we need to move toward a more sustainable living practice (using renewable energy sources) and the impact of our existence is already seen in our changing weather patterns. More information about sustainable living in NH is available at <http://nhsea.org/>.

Submitted by Cheryl Rowell for the Fremont Energy Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The following Fremont Organizations are looking for members:
Open Space Committee

Planning Board ~ Zoning Board of Adjustment
Representative to the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee
Consider becoming involved! Learn more about your town and perform a very valuable community service. Contact the Town Offices for information and we will refer you to someone who can give you details about the positions and what they entail. Also check the town website www.Fremont.nh.gov for more information and contact names, numbers and email addresses. Get involved in making Fremont the place you want to live!

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. With the increase in winter snow, it is particularly important that the ROW area is clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way or they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.

TRASH CONTRACT

Due to circumstances beyond the Town's control, the trash and recycling pickup contract is currently out to bid. Information as we learn it is updated on the Recycling page of the Town website. We have been experiencing some delays due to weather and equipment breakdowns, which are also updated as we learn of them. Thank you for your patience as we work through the next few months.

DRIVEWAY PAVING PERMITS

Before any driveway is paved or resurfaced, approval is needed from the Road Agent. Grading and drainage issues need to be checked before any pavement (new or replacement) is installed. New driveway construction also requires a permit from the Town. The Planning Board Driveway Regulations, new driveway construction permit, and the driveway paving permit are all available on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Road Agent page.

Driveway permits and an inspection are also required when installing or relocating your driveway, for improvements such as garage construction. Contact Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429 for more information. Permits and regulation information are also available at the Selectmen's Office during regular office hours.

Get ready for your spring projects and get permits in order early!

All other permitting questions can be directed to the Building Inspector Thom Roy at 895 3200 x 18 or by email to FremontBI@comcast.net.

PTA CANDLE SALES

The PTA will be selling ten (10) top scents of a hand poured, colored Penreco gel candle at the School District and Town meetings on Saturday March 15th; as well as Fremont's Voting Day on Tuesday March 11th. These lead free wick candles burn for over fifty hours and are locally made in Biddeford, Maine. They are 8 ounce candles and the PTA hopes to expand to other scents (from a line of almost thirty fragrances) in the months ahead.